

## TELEPHONE RATE CUTS PROHIBITED

COMPLAINT AGAINST CUMBERLAND CO. UPHOLD BY RAILROAD COMMISSION.

### EVENTS IN STATE CAPITAL

Doing in the Various Departments of the Government of the Commonwealth Reported for Benefit of Our Readers.

—Nashville.

The first indication of the disposition of the state railroad commission relative to telephone matters was given when the commission upheld the complaint of the Sun Telephone company, a west Tennessee corporation, operating in portions of Alabama and Mississippi, against the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph company in its complaint filed in February. The Sun company alleged the Cumberland was operating without franchise rights in Henderson, Selmer and Adamsville; that it had cut its rates from \$1.65 to residences and \$2.75 to business houses to a flat rate of 50 cents to all, and that this action of the Cumberland company was taken for the sole purpose of driving the Sun company out of business. The complaint was heard by the commission with the result that the following order was promulgated:

"That the Sun Telephone & Telegraph company shall, within ten days from this date, file with the commission its exchange rates for telephone service in each exchange it operates in this state, and on or after April 1, 1914, it shall be unlawful for the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph company, or any telephone company, to charge less rates for exchange service in any of said places than may be charged by the Sun Telephone & Telegraph company. It is further ordered that no free exchange service shall be furnished by any company in any of said exchanges other than to the respective municipalities and railroad stations."

The commission is now working on a plan to regulate telephone rates all over the state, and will, it is said, have a hearing at an early date.

### State Y. M. C. A. Convention.

April 10-11 is the date set for the meeting in Nashville of the thirty-first state convention of the Young Men's Christian association, and it is expected that the meeting will bring together many men prominent in the association circles of Tennessee and other states. It is announced that John R. Mott, the great missionary leader of the world, is expected to take part on the program. Others to be heard in public addresses are B. G. Alexander, international field secretary; H. T. Baker, boys' work secretary for Virginia; L. W. Dunn, international boys' work secretary; C. C. McCullough, street railway secretary of Memphis; Rev. Paul B. Kern, Murfreesboro, chairman state student work committee; ex-Senator W. R. Webb, Bell Buckle; Dr. W. D. Weatherford, international student secretary, and Dr. O. E. Brown, chairman Tennessee state committee. One of the features of the convention will be a big banquet.

### Soft Drink Dealers Reopen.

The bottlers and soft drink dealers of Nashville made a move on Criminal Judge Neal, Attorney-General A. B. Anderson and Sheriff Longhurst when they presented Judge Neal with a petition, asking to be allowed to reopen the soft drink stands on the following conditions:

To sell no intoxicating liquors; to permit no gambling of any kind about their places; to permit no lunch in their houses; to prevent all women entering the places; to close from 11 p.m. Saturday until 4:30 a.m. Monday, and at 10:30 p.m. every other night; to promptly report all persons selling intoxicating liquors. Other conditions were made in order to strengthen the above.

After Judge Neal had heard the representatives of the bottlers and soft drink dealers he instructed Sheriff Longhurst to allow the places to open as soon as the respective soft drink stand proprietors had signed the agreement presented to him. Judge Neal said he understood that that any man who allows whisky sold in his place will get the limit of the law. It is said here this agreement will probably result in the sale of beer only.

### Branch Postoffice Remains.

The northeast Nashville postoffice station will not be discontinued, according to a telegram received by Postmaster Shannon from the department at Washington.

### Fight New Sign Ordinance.

The Sory Sign company is seeking to have the recent Nashville ordinance limiting the erection of sign boards declared unconstitutional. The company claims it secured valuable leases on sign board space before the new law was passed.

### Acquitted of Abusing Mails.

In the federal court the jury in the F. E. Tanner case returned a verdict of not guilty. The defendant was indicted for violating the United States postal laws.

### Freshmen Are Up in Arms.

Students of Roger Williams university, Nashville's negro school, wear green caps for college colors, and the freshmen of Vanderbilt university are up in arms because upper classmen compel them to wear caps of the same color.

### Preachers Against Pictures.

The ministers' alliance of Nashville has sat down on a series of creation moving pictures which have been on exhibition here.

### Amis Quits State Committee.

Jonas T. Amis, chairman of the independent democratic state executive committee, has tendered his resignation to James B. Ezell, secretary, in a letter to Mr. Ezell. Mr. Ezell immediately replied, stating that he would present it to the committee at its next meeting.

Col. Amis states, in his letter to Ezell, that the action of the committee at its meeting "was intended to prematurely commit the independent democrats of the state to the candidacy of Gov. Ben W. Hooper for a third term, aiming thereby to forestall any and all efforts to harmonize existing differences within the party acceptable to the independent democrats." Under these circumstances Col. Amis states that it is due both to himself and the committee that he resign.

In his reply Mr. Ezell denies that any premature action was taken. He said that the proper construction of the committee's action is that it declines to trifle or traffic with the power conferred upon it by the independent democrats.

Judge Sam M. Young of the state board of elections has informed Messrs. Hickerson and Woolen, who will elect Stratton's successor, that he is still an independent democrat, and will select independents on county boards. Judge Young's declaration makes it certain the state officials will now elect a regular to fill Stratton's place and may elect one of the men recommended by the state democratic executive committee within a few days.

### Accused Slayer Claims Innocence.

Sensational developments in the case of Ben Hammonds, aged 22, charged with the murder of Mrs. Hattie Hammonds, his wife, are expected to be revealed by clues which the authorities are working on. Hammonds claims that his wife came to Nashville from Tulsa, Okla., and that his wife disappeared from a restaurant and he has not been able to find her. When arrested he inserted an advertisement in a local paper requesting his wife to make her whereabouts known and have him released. A witness is said to have been found who will testify where the woman is buried. After the disappearance of the first wife Hammonds is said to have changed his name from Brown and married again, the second wife endeavoring to pass herself off as the first wife. When he was arrested at Fort Worth, Tex., he endeavored to have his second wife pretend she was the missing woman. This she did until Hammonds was taken away and then she confessed that she was not the woman.

### Election Board Is Complete.

Charles H. King, a prominent democrat of Jackson, has been elected a member of the state board of election commissioners by the nominating committee, composed of Hickerson, Woolen and Sneed. The election board is complete now with Mr. King's election. The other members are Judge Sam Young of Dickson Springs and J. Y. Penland of Knoxville. The selection of King for the vacancy was made unanimously. King was four years chairman of the election commission of Madison county and for two years chairman of the governing board of the democratic executive committee of Madison county.

### Royal Arcanum Elects.

The Grand Council of Royal Arcanum elected the following officers at its annual session in Nashville: E. L. McLemore, Knoxville, grand regent; E. S. Seals, Nashville, grand vice-regent; C. H. Bradford, Chattanooga, grand orator; Arch Lawrence, Nashville, sitting past grand regent; W. H. Gray, Nashville, grand secretary; Louis David, Knoxville, grand treasurer; Prof. A. G. Bowen, Nashville, grand chaplain; C. S. Bernard, Memphis, grand guide; W. D. Stringfellow, Nashville, grand warden; L. S. Greenwood, Chattanooga, grand sentry.

### Richardson Not Ambitious.

Judge John E. Richardson in a signed statement that an injustice has been done him by news reports to the effect that an agreement had been reached at Washington to name him as the democratic candidate for governor. He says no such agreement has been made; that he will not be a candidate and has no desire to be governor. "I am attending strictly to the duties of my office," says the judge, "with no desire to enter politics."

### Nashville After Spitters.

Mayor Hovse issued an emphatic order to Chief of Police Curran to instruct his force to arrest every person found spitting on the sidewalks. The ordinance against sidewalk spitting has never been very effectively enforced.

### Charged With Official Oppression.

H. C. Long, state electrical inspector, has been arrested on a charge of official oppression. The warrant charges that he had arrested one man a number of times through malice. He gave bond.

### Talks Tennessee Farms.

J. J. B. Johnson, representing the state board of agriculture, is back from an extended talking Tennessee tour through Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Along with him have come six representative farmers, three from Michigan, one from Indiana and two from Ohio, who come to Tennessee with a view to investigating the claims made by Mr. Johnson and to secure, if satisfied, suitable farms and plantations. Mr. Johnson says others will come later.

### Capt. J. P. Womack Dead.

Capt. John P. Womack, aged 75, is dead at the Confederate Soldiers' home. He was the first inmate of the institution, going there when it was only a cabin and before the present building was erected.

The Nashville park commission has elected W. R. Cole to fill the vacancy on the commission caused by death some months ago of F. P. McWhorter, then chairman. Mr. Cole is chairman of the workmen's compensation commission of Tennessee.

## GALLATIN BANK IS ROBBED OF \$30,000

DETECTIVES CLAIM WORK IS NOT THAT OF PROFESSIONAL CRACKSMEN.

### NEWS FROM ALL OVER STATE

Complete Review of Recent Interesting Happenings Throughout Tennessee as Reported by Our Correspondents.

Gallatin.—The First National bank of this city has been robbed of \$30,000, and from the evidence adduced thus far the detectives are convinced that the job was not done by yegmen, but by some one who had familiarized himself with the interior of the bank. No dynamite or nitroglycerin was used in opening the vault of the money safe inside the big vault. No mark or effacement of any kind was found on the vault doors. The door of the outside vault was operated by a combination. The door to the inside vault was a time lock mechanism.

President R. E. Donnell of the bank says that of the funds taken \$8,785 was in gold coin, \$7,000 of which was in one sealed bag; \$8,500 was in gold certificates, mostly in \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills; \$700 was in \$10 bills and \$3,100 in unsigned currency. The robbers left \$500 or \$600 in silver. The bank was protected by burglar insurance to the amount of \$18,000.

Fire was discovered in the bank vault at about 3 o'clock in the morning, and an alarm developed the fact that the robbery had been committed. There are no clues to the perpetrators, so far as is known.

All but \$1,900 of the \$30,710 missing was taken from the inside or money vault. All records of the bank and individual ledgers were burned in a heap in the middle of the floor of the main vault. Two hundred thousand dollars of loan notes were found scattered over the room of the directors. The bank claims it will pay dollar for dollar.

### SLAVES' HERITAGE CASE UP.

United States Supreme Court Asked to Give Fair-Reasoning Decision.

Memphis.—The far-reaching and final judgment of the United States supreme court is asked in a bill filed at Washington on the right of ex-slaves to inherit from their brothers and sisters who, likewise, were in servitude. The central figure in the question is John Jones, now dead. He was born a slave near Memphis, but after the war acquired 87 acres of land near Woodstock, Tenn., and paid for it by hit by hit, until he became owner outright of a piece of improved land now valued at \$10,000. Will Jones, an illegitimate son, helped him work the land. John Jones died intestate. His widow, Margaret Jones, claimed the property and the supreme court of Tennessee hearing the complaint of Jones' brothers and sisters who claimed their interest, held that ex-slaves had no inheritable blood. The brothers and sisters waived their contention in favor of Will Jones, the son.

### LONE DEPOSITOR OPPOSES.

Settlement of Defunct Memphis Bank's Affairs Grows Nearer.

Memphis.—Immediate success of the Mercantile bank reorganization plan, which will give Memphis a new national bank, with paid up capital of \$600,000, practically hinges on one depositor. This depositor, with an account of \$12,000, has refused to sign the 75 per cent settlement, thereby holding in check a majority of the eleven other unsigned bank customers, each holding deposit claims in excess of \$1,000. Only \$4,000 is needed to complete the fund of \$200,000 which the citizens' committee set out to raise in order to settle in full the claim of 5,500 depositors having accounts of less than \$1,000, and allow the banking business to be resumed under government supervision.

### Acquitted of Burning Church.

Paris.—In circuit court here John Jackson, negro, was acquitted of the charge of arson. The accusation took place a few months ago, when the Bird's Creek Baptist church burned to the ground. This was one of the oldest churches in the county, dating back 100 years. Bloodhounds were procured and trailed to the negro's home.

### Strikes Signs of Oil.

Paris.—S. N. King, a prominent farmer near here, caused quite a sensation by announcing that he had evidence and indications that he has struck oil on his farm near Buchanan.

### To Sell School Pig.

Knoxville.—The Riverdale school pig will be sold on the market in Knoxville. This pig was fattened on the scraps from the baskets and corn brought by the children. This is the first school pig in Tennessee.

### Mule Kicks Fake Teeth Out.

Clarksville.—Frank E. Broome, a farmer, residing between Palmyra and Shiloh, lost a set of false teeth and was painfully injured when a mule kicked him in the face.

### Veteran of Crimea Dies.

Chattanooga.—Peter McArthur, a veteran of the Crimean war, 76 years of age, is dead here. He was a member of the Twenty-fourth Highlanders of the British army and was with his regiment in the siege of Lucknow.

### Seventy-five to Lose Jobs.

Memphis.—Seventy-five men employed by the United States Express company will be thrown out of employment by the recent decision to discontinue the company.

### HELD NOT LIABLE FOR ERRORS.

Ruling Made in Damage Suit Against Telegraph Company.

Bristol.—Damages cannot be recovered in the state courts of Tennessee against the Western Union Telegraph company for errors in the transmission of interstate messages, according to a holding of Judge Dana Harmon of the first judicial court, which settles a much disputed question as far as the lower court is concerned. A Bristol broker sued the Western Union for his commission, alleging to have been lost by the defendant's error in a code word transmitted in a message from California. Judge Harmon sustained a motion to dismiss the suit on the ground that the message was interstate and that the plaintiff was bound by the conditions on the back of the message blank, which prohibited a recovery. The state courts do not recognize this condition on interstate messages, but the federal courts have recognized it as valid.

### FORMER DEPUTY ON TRIAL.

Sam McCampbell Accused of Killing Earl Ford.

Paris.—Among the more prominent cases before the present term of circuit court is that of Sam McCampbell, charged with murder. About a year ago, while acting as deputy sheriff, he shot Earl Ford, a youth about 17 years of age, causing death about eight hours later. Young Ford was one among the number of boys who rode a freight train from Paris to Whitlock. McCampbell was on guard when the train arrived at the station and when he attempted to arrest the boys they broke and ran. McCampbell entered into pursuit of them and it seems that he being at some distance, pulled his revolver and discharged it. The ball struck young Ford in a vital spot and his death resulted. A civil suit was tried in the circuit court at its last session in which Ford's father asked damages of \$10,000, but he lost the suit.

### SUE ON LIQUOR SHIPMENTS.

Would Compel Express Company to Deliver in North Carolina.

Bristol.—The Bristol liquor shippers have instituted a suit here to compel the Southern Express Company to deliver liquor shipments in North Carolina. As a result of a law passed by the legislature of North Carolina, and applicable to many counties in that state, the express company is prohibited from delivering liquor shipments that contain in excess of one quart. The Bristol liquor shippers filed a suit in the federal court to compel the express company to accept shipments for these counties, but Federal Judge McDowell decided that the United States court had no jurisdiction and that the suit would have to be brought in the state court.

### GENTER PLEADS GUILTY.

Chattanooga Man Admits Slaying His Wife Near Rhea Springs.

Dayton.—Hubert P. Genter of Chattanooga, accused of the murder of his wife and the wounding of his wife's uncle recently, at their home near Rhea Springs, was brought into circuit court for trial before Judge Edw. L. Davis. A formal plea of not guilty and also one of insanity were entered. Because of the absence of certain witnesses the case was continued until the July term of the court. Genter had expressed the hope that the case would not be continued, saying he wanted the matter "settled."

### Protest Against Stock Pens.

Big Sandy.—An ordinance, rather drastic in its nature has been passed by the city council here. By its provisions dealers, shippers and others are prevented from penning and feeding stock within the corporate limits, and offenders are subject to a fine of not less than \$25, nor more than \$50. The railroad stock pens provided for shippers of stock are within the corporate limits and some of the citizens claim they are unsanitary and should be declared a nuisance and abated.

### Form Anti-Gossip Club.

Paris.—One of the new things under the sun is a woman's club whose leading feature is a restriction of all gossip. The motto of this new organization is: "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, it does not behoove any of us to talk about the rest of us." This organization is the Priscilla club of Puryear, this county. The purpose of the organization is needwork as well as social work.

### Editor Found Dead in Bed.

Knoxville.—J. P. Duggins, editor of the Oliver Springs News, was found dead in bed. His death was from heart failure.

### Will Build Coke Ovens.

Chattanooga.—J. E. James, promoter of the Hale's bar power plant, announces that he expects to build a big row of coke ovens in Chattanooga.

### Humboldt Postmaster Chosen.

Humboldt.—J. W. McGlathery has been given the endorsement of Congressmen Finis J. Garrett for postmaster of Humboldt, and the spirited fight that has been waged for the position has come to an end.

### Fatally Hurt in Runaway.

Maury City.—Chester Boon, while driving a young horse to a cart, was thrown from the cart and fatally injured. The horse became frightened and ran away.

### Plan to Repave Streets.

Jackson.—The city council is considering the purchasing of a large amount of bituminous pavement for the streets of Jackson. The streets were graveled several years ago, but constant repair work has been very expensive.

### Will Hold Drainage Congress.

Humboldt.—The Humboldt Business Men's club has started a movement for a great drainage congress, composed of lowland holders on all the forks of the Forked Deer river and tributaries.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

HAPPENINGS OF THE SEVEN PAST DAYS ARE BRIEFLY TOLD HERE.

### FROM AROUND THE PLANET

Dispatches From Our Own and Foreign Countries Are Here Given in Short Meter for Busy Readers.

Indictments charging oppression and malfeasance in office were returned against Dr. U. G. Crandall, president, and Joseph I. McDonald, treasurer of the St. Joseph, Mo., board of police commissioners.

The First National bank of Gallatin, Tenn., was robbed of \$30,000. Fire was discovered in the bank vault about 3 o'clock in the morning and an alarm led to discovery of the robbery.

Plans for joint maneuvers by the regular army and national guard, to include attacks on Washington and San Francisco by invading armies, together with the establishment of numerous training camps throughout the country, were announced by the war department.

Woodrow Wilson unbosomed himself to the members of the National Press club of Washington, telling them in frank, conversational way how he felt as president of the United States.

A gift of \$50,000 from John D. Rockefeller to the International Y. M. C. A. college at Springfield, Mass., was announced at Boston.

Gen. Villa and his army of 12,000 rebels invaded the federal stronghold of Torreon. The khaki-clad columns occupied the environs of the city without opposition.

Believing she had consumption and would be a burden to her husband, Mrs. William Anthony, wife of a contractor at Greenwich, Conn., drowned her two small daughters in a bathtub and then swallowed poison.

John L. Lawson, "star" reporter for the Chicago Tribune, and one of the best-known newspaper men in the middle west, met a tragic death when he fell down an elevator shaft in the Chicago Press club building.

Connie Mack, chieftain of the world's champion Athletics, who is at Jacksonville, Fla., training his players, received a message from Philadelphia telling him that he was the father of a dainty baby girl. This is Mack's second child by his present wife.

Jay Gould, American and British amateur court tennis champion, won the open professional championship of the world at Philadelphia from George F. Covey of England, the professional titleholder.

The fifth body recovered from the ruins of the St. Louis Seed company's four-story brick building, destroyed by the collapse of the M. A. C. west wall, was delivered at the morgue and is unidentified.

"That's the biggest fake ever started—it's perfectly ridiculous," said Mrs. Champ Clark when asked about a report that her only daughter, Miss Genevieve Clark, is engaged to marry Attorney-General McReynolds.

William West, 97 years old, was married to Marceline Brady, 107, at New Orleans, La. The ceremony was performed by Justice Dauenhauser. Both are negroes and their romance dates back three-quarters of a century.

Dallas Shields, a negro barber, was lynched in Fayette, Mo., by a mob of 250 men, less than two hours after he had shot and killed John Gaines, a township constable.

The interstate commerce commission elected Commissioner James Harlan chairman to succeed Commissioner Edward E. Clark.

A material decrease in the number of train accidents was shown by an interstate commerce commission bulletin issued for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1913.

Sixty thousand, one hundred and nineteen women registered Tuesday in Chicago in preparation for their first chance to use their newly granted suffrage at the sidermanic election April 7.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in Mayfield, Ky., by the jury in the second trial of May Copeland and her fiancée, Lucian Turk, charged with having murdered Miss Copeland's brother-in-law, Hugh Atchison, a wealthy farmer, in Carlisle county, last July.

Bert Adams and Lloyd Bittsberger, who escaped from the United States military prison Sunday by sliding down a rope made of carpets, were apprehended in South Omaha, Neb., according to a telegram.

Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro, Paris, was shot and killed by Mme. Henriette Caillaux, wife of Joseph Caillaux, the French minister of finance. Mme. Caillaux went to the office of the Figaro to carry out an act of vengeance against M. Calmette.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad company was sued by Attorney-General McReynolds under the Sherman anti-trust law as being the dominant factor in a combination alleged to control the output of anthracite coal from Pennsylvania fields.

"For advertising, one mileage book," may become a frequent item on the books of the great railroads of America, should a bill proposed by Senator Henry L. Meyers of Montana, Democrat, and referred to the senate interstate commerce committee be passed by congress.

Frank P. Wheatly, note teller in the Third National bank at St. Louis, is accused of embezzling \$17,053.33 of the bank's money during the last four years.

Four persons were burned to death as the result of a fire caused by a gas explosion in Ardmore, Ok. A fifth was seriously injured.

"War in Ulster" is the startling headline sensational London newspapers are displaying in black-set type. The government began to place its regular troops in Ireland so they may be in a position to deal with any situation that may arise.

Suit alleging conspiracy, claiming a million dollars damages and asking body judgments against the national and state officers of the United Mine Workers who have participated in the Colorado coal strike, were filed in the district court at Trinidad by counsel for the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

Representative Hill of the Cairo, Ill., district introduced a bill requiring all interstate railroads, steam or electric, to pay their employees "as often as semi-monthly."

An explosion that occurred in mine No. 12, at Buxton, Ia., caused the death of two men and 19 mules. The accident occurred at the shot-firing period and was followed by a cave-in of part of the mine.

Two battalions of the Ninth infantry regiment, United States army, Col. Crane commanding, left Fort Thomas, Ky., for Laredo, Tex., where they will take up the duty of patrolling the Mexican border.

After bundling the messenger, "Rob" Martin, into a gunny sack, a masked man robbed the express car attached to northbound Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe passenger train of currency estimated at about \$14,000 and escaped at Helbig, Tex.

After deliberating nine hours a jury at Pontiac, Ill., found former Judge Fred G. White guilty of forgery and recommended imprisonment in the penitentiary for an indeterminate period, not to exceed 14 years.

Harry Nisbet of Coulterville, Ill., and John Donley of Whatcheer, Ia., were killed when a bandcar on which they were riding was struck by a switch engine.

After a vigorous defense of woman suffrage in the senate, Senator Borah of Idaho shocked suffrage advocates on the floor and in the galleries by declaring that it was impractical and impossible to obtain the vote for women by a constitutional amendment.

Hearings began on Senator Reed's resolution to direct the secretary of war to take over and operate the Merchants' bridge at St. Louis.

Vincent St. John, general secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World, scouted the possibility of any army of unemployed conducting a revolution against the government.

Laborers digging in the ruins of the Missouri Athletic club in St. Louis took out the thirtieth body. It was identified as that of William A. Hunjcke.

William Miller of Detroit, Mich., shattered all high marks in the American Bowling congress tournament at Buffalo, N. Y., taking first place in the singles with a score of 675.

A conference of representatives of commercial clubs of the Mississippi valley from St. Paul to New Orleans is to be held in St. Louis April 29 to consider river terminals.

Dr. Edward S. Holden, 68 years old, famous as an astronomer, scientist and educator, librarian of the United States military academy since 1902, died at West Point.

Sir John Murray, the noted naturalist and oceanographer, was killed near his home, Challenger Lodge, Wardie, Edinburgh, in a motor car accident which occurred while his daughter Rhoda was driving.

A serious earthquake occurred in the Prefecture of Akita, island of Honshu, Japan. Hundreds of persons in both Akita and Kowakubi were killed and many houses destroyed or damaged. The volcano Asama-Yama, 90 miles northwest of Tokio, is in eruption.

The senate went on record in favor of a constitutional amendment for equal suffrage. The vote was 35 to 34 in favor of the resolution, but, as a two-thirds vote was required to pass the resolution, the vice-president announced that it had failed to carry.

Grave events are impending in Ulster, according to the Unionist newspapers, and a rumor is current that the government is preparing for the military occupation of the province. There are various indications that a crisis has been reached.

Saving whisky was a more important consideration than saving human lives in the Saxon boarding house fire, near Ashland, Wis., in which the lives of Miss Auger and three unidentified men were lost, according to testimony brought out at the coroner's inquest.

A. H. House and A. D. Parkins, strike-breakers employed at the Oak Creek mines, were arrested, accused of killing a striker and seriously wounding another in a street fight at Oak Creek, Colo.

## T. R.'S PARTY IN MISHAP IN BRAZIL

"WE HAVE LOST EVERYTHING," SAYS BRIEF MESSAGE FROM ANTHONY FIALA.

### COLONEL IS BELIEVED SAFE

Valuable Specimens Gathered by Expedition Supposed to Be Lost in the Rapids of a Tributary of the Amazon River.

New York.—The following message was received from Anthony Fiala, the well known Arctic explorer and resident of Brooklyn, who is one of the members of the party of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, which plunged into the unexplored wilds of central Brazil about nine days ago, expecting to reach Manaus, the commercial metropolis of the Amazon country, about 900 miles from the mouth of the river: San Tarem, Brazil (via Pernambuco, St. Vincent and the Azores).—"We have lost everything in the rapids (presumably rapids of a tributary of the Amazon river). Telephone my wife of my safety."